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cc:
Subject: Support for expanding LGB

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Dear Mayor, City Counsel and Airport Representatives:

I would like to support the efforts of JetBlue Airways to expand the building and improvements at Long Beach Airport. Though, obviously, JetBlue Airways would benefit from the approval of the submitted plans, the city would benefit through retail and tax revenues. I believe Burbank Airport is an example of an airport that has allowed controlled growth and yet has kept the small airport "feel." I would hope the same for LGB. I know that jetBlue has expended a large amount of money already to provide the city with viable growth plans and would continue to pour money in the airport development. Long Beach residents and the community as a whole would also benefit from this growth.

Generally, I am not for development just for the sake of development; ie., "just because we can." But thoughtful and well-applied growth, in this case, is the reasonable, sensible and intelligent thing to do. I urge the city to go ahead with the approval of the jetBlue growth plans. I can only speak as a pilot, but please know that at our operational level, we are very sensitive to minimize the amount of noise that comes with air travel. We wish to have an on-going, good working relationship with the community and hope that city of Long Beach sees this as the win-win opportunity that it is.

Respectfully,

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